

## Blogs I Would Like to Read

(in no particular order)

**The Wonk Wing:** Thoughtful exploration of important policy issues by decent writers who are clearly fascinated by their subject. Not only would you get a first-class education in the relevant issues around health care, global warming, urban sprawl, zoning, traffic, sewage, etc. but you'd have fun while doing it. Think [Ezra Klein](#) for more than just health care. Think [The Wonk Room](#) but more Sorkin and less Pennebaker. (Sorry, Wonk Room!)

**Perfect Devices:** Coverage of things which are simply the best-in-the-world at what they do, and the stories of how they got there. I want stories from the people who calibrate bathroom-mirror lighting to be the perfect combination of brightness and diffusion "so that it's diagnostically acute without being brutal" (ASFTINDA, 302). I want stories about the kitchen at *French Laundry* and *Alinea*. I want the start-to-finish story of HF&J designing a typeface. (Yes, I'm eagerly awaiting [Objectified](#).)

**17th and Pennsylvania:** This is the address of the Starbucks outside the White House, where apparently executive branch officials regularly grab coffee, chat, and meet with a wide variety of famous-for-DC types. Why doesn't an enterprising Gawker Stalker simply sit there and write down what happens?

**This Academic Life:** Stories of new papers and research results — not just a summary of the work itself, but the story of how it fits into the field's debates, the personal intrigues of the players, the implications for the wider world. Basically, *Lingua Fraca* returning as a blog.

**Evisceration Quarterly:** A daily selection of the finest in insults, takedowns, and general argumentative [evisceration](#). The motto: teaching you how to think by showing you how not to. And, to not be entirely negative, the occasional model of clarity. With special blogging consultant, Brad DeLong.

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